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Sir:

DECLARATION OF TONI RISTOSKI

THAT, I, Toni Ristoski hereby declare,

1. THAT, I received a Bachelors degree in Chemical Engineering for Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan in 2000.
2. THAT, I received a Masters in Chemistry from Oakland University in Rochester Hills, Michigan in 2003.
3. THAT, I have worked on adhesive development for The Dow Chemical Company in the Dow Automotive business as a research engineer since 2000.

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4. THAT during my employment at Dow, I was assigned to a project to bond tank components together.

As a part of this assignment I met with plastic fuel tank manufacturers, attended conferences and reviewed relevant literature to determine the state of the art in plastic fuel tank component assembly. As a result of this research, I determined that the state of the art with respect to assembly of plastic fuel tank components was to assemble the plastic fuel tank parts using hot plate welding. I am not aware of any commercial use of adhesives to bond plastic fuel tank components together.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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